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JULY

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

MAC KENNADY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members — One of my favorite sections to read in the daily newspaper is the "Letters to the Editor." Perhaps this has been tried in TNA in the past, I really do not recall, but let's have a "Letters to the Editor" page in the **TNA NEWS.** Surely some of you out there have suggestions or ideas about how you think improvements can be made in TNA. Constructive criticism is always valuable and welcome. Maybe you have a gripe. Something you think should be corrected within the organization. What have you, or one of your local club officers, done to improve attendance, or to make the meetings more interesting? Write a letter, long or short, to either the Editor, or to me, telling us what is going on out there in TNA-land. If your letter requires an answer, or if you request one, I guarantee that you will receive a personal reply. Don't be bashful, or feel that you have to have literary talent. Just be yourself, and tell us what's on your mind. Let us hear from you! I think, if enough people participate in such an effort it could be one of the most stimulating things to the organization we could do. Give it a try, won't you?

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Some good news! For those of you who missed out on one of the TNA Alamo medals, Howard Luke, our medals officer, has just received what will be the last of these medals. There will be no more struck beyond 250. You may order your .999 Fine silver medal from Howard for $30.00 each, plus $2.00 for postage. Howard's address is 2120 David Dr., Ft. Worth 76111. Phone 817/834-1246.

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Do you particularly enjoy a special area of numismatics? If so, you have a wealth of information which could, and should, be shared with your fellow numismatists. There is a lot of talent and knowledge among you TNA members. I would hope that you would do your part in giving a program at one of your local club meetings. For the most part, local clubs are eager to have a member volunteer to give a program. Or, say "Yes" when asked to give one. You will find that it is really a lot of fun, and a rewarding experience. And, of course, a fringe

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THE STORY BEHIND THE STORE SCRIP OF JAMES M. SMOOT, DENTON, TEXAS

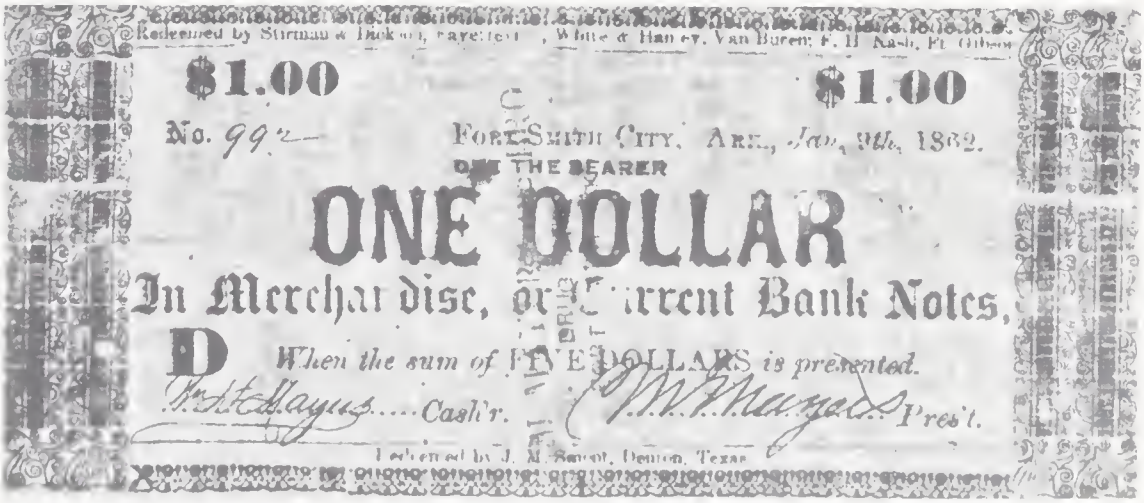
Frank Clark,
Dallas, Texas

First, a little background on Denton is in order to tell how the town was named. Denton County was organized in 1846. It was named for Captain John B. Denton, who was killed in a skirmish with Indians near present-day Arlington in the spring of 1841. His superior officer was General Tarrant. The following day he was buried near present-day Justin in Denton County. In 1860, Captain Denton's body was reinterred at the Chisum Ranch northwest of Bolivar. On November 28, 1901, he was again moved, this time to Denton County courthouse lawn.

In Denton a small log courthouse was built in 1851. A square was laid out around the courthouse and lots were sold. Each lot was 50 feet wide and there were six lots to each side. The lots sold for $25 to $30 each. However, the last one sold was for $60. This was the south lot on the west side. It was bought by James M. Smoot who wanted an east front. He soon erected a rather large store building and put in a good stock of general merchandise. This was in 1854 and Mr. Smoot had the largest store in Denton.

Roads were poor everywhere posing difficulties in transportation making imported items dear, and in some cases the cost was virtually prohibitive. There was little real money in the area and home-produced articles brought very low prices on the local market. Land was cheap with thousands of acres for sale.

Shreveport, La., Jefferson, Tx. and Ft. Smith, Ark. were the market places then. The goods were hauled



by ox teams from these cities and this was done only when green grass could be had for the oxen at night. If a merchant ran out of an article of merchandise he remained out until the next year when the ox team could make the trip.

On July 8, 1860, a series of fires broke out in north Texas that led credence to rumors that they were started by the Union League or escaped slaves. The Union League wsa a band of northern sympathizers upon whom much suspicion rested. The suddenness and widespread similarity of cases seemed too strong for denial. The first fire was in Dallas and it caused about $400,000 in damage. Other fires on that Sunday started in Denton, Pilot Point, Ladonia, Honey Grove, Milford, Waxachie, Jefferson and Austin.

The fire in Denton started in the counting room of James M. Smoot's store. It was located at the corner of Elm and Hickory Streets. A southwesterly wind spread the fire to other stores on the west side of the square. In the store of Baines & Mounts there were 25 kegs of powder. These exploded and sent burning pieces of lumber, chains and castings in every direction. This caused other buildings around the square to catch on fire. Every store on the west side was in ashes except the store at the north lot of the west side - Blount & Scrugg's grocery store. Everybody in town fought the fire. The estimated loss was over $80,000. Mr. Smoot lost everything and he said his loss was $50,000.

On July 27, 1860 a public meeting in Denton founded the central committee of safety for the country. They laid plans for the detection, arrest and eradication of abolition agents, horse thieves and suspicious characters.

Later it was suggested that the fires were started by "prairie matches." These had only recently appeared on the scene and might have been set off by the hot sun of the afternoon. The match stems were made out of compressed paper and the match head was made by dipping it into a sulphur preparation. However, most of the people still entertained the idea that the Union League or escaped slaves started the fires on that afternoon.

Mr. Smoot rebuilt his store after the terrible fire. He apparently started an association with a store in Ft. Smith - The Mayers Brothers' Drug Store - because the Mayers had store scrip notes that were redeemable not only at their store, but also at the Smoot store in Denton, and in other stores in different cities of Arkansas and in the Cherokee nation. These notes have various dates in 1861 and 1862 on them and they were in denominations of 25¢, 50¢, $1.00 and $2.00. The notes are signed by two Mayers brothers, printed on very thin paper and all known notes are well circulated. The store names where the notes were redeemed are in very tiny print.

On the upper inside border the scrip reads - Redeemed by Stirman & Dickson, Fayetteville, White & Haney. Van Buren, F.H. Nash, Ft. Gibson, and on the lower inside border it reads redeemed by J.M. Smoot, Den-

ton, Texas. There is also another variety which has the Redeemed by Stirman, etc. on the lower border and on the upper border it reads - Redeemed by Alexander & Allen, Sherman, J.M. Smoot, Denton, Texas. The face of the scrip has been stamped in red in the center with the Mayers Bros. Drug Store, Fort Smith, Ark. Also, the scrip is brown in color.

James M. Smoot died in 1862 and buried in the IOOF Cemetery. Earlier in 1859, he had donated a block of land to be included in the cemetery. He was buried in the exact center of this tract. R.M. Collins operated his store after Mr. Smoot's death.

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TEXAS OBSOLETE NOTES & SCRIP, Bob Medlar

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benefit to you will be the additional knowledge gained in researching your subject. If you don't know where to start ask one of your club officers, or someone who has given several programs. He'll be glad to help with suggestions.

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TNA is always anxious to have new members. I hope that you are doing your part to encourage membership in this fine organization. Talk it up! If you need membership applications drop a note to the secretary and she will see that they get to you. TNA's continued growth depends upon you. We want good new members. Sign up a new member this month.

ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Virginia Armstrong died May 5 in a McAllen hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Armstrong, longtime TNA member, served as Hidalgo Coin Club secretary for over 10 years and was active in McAllen numismatic events. She was city reporter for more than 35 years for The McAllen Monitor and drew praise from the city's mayor and commissioners.

Services were held May 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen with burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

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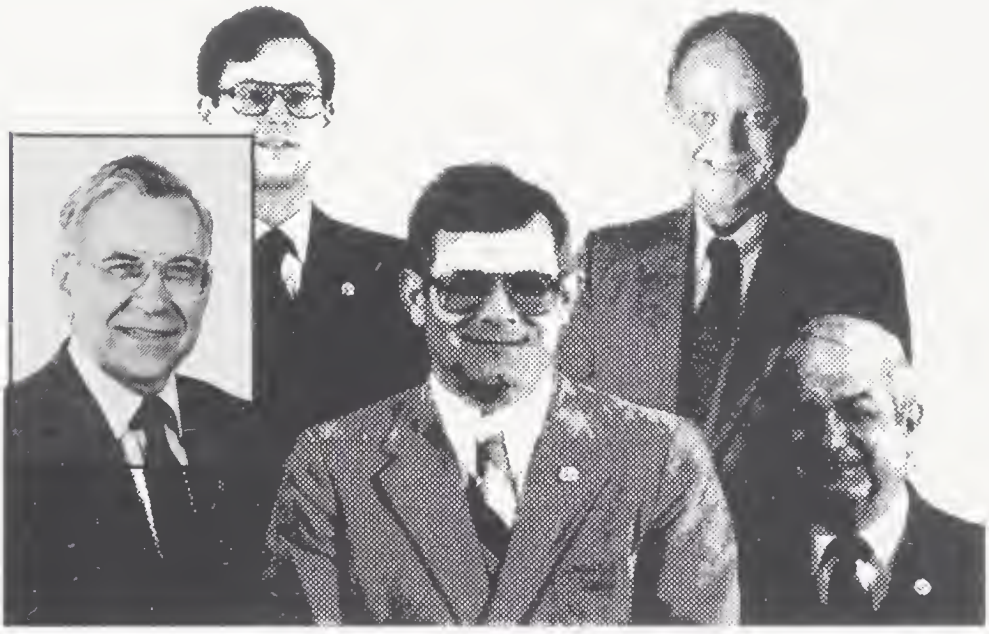

Chet Krause

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TIM'S KOIN KORNER

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Dallas, Tx.

Inflation is one of my favorite subjects. We have quite an assortment of Notgeld notes of the German 1920-23 inflation, the Hungarian 1946 inflation, and inflation notes from other countries. It would be interesting to make an almanac of all the inflationary spirals that have become part of history.

The March issue of the **Bank Note Reporter** had an article about the current inflation in Bolivia.

In 1984 prices rose 2700 percent in Bolivia, the area of the world with the highest inflation rate. In January a chocolate bar cost 35,000 pesos. Five minutes later it was 50,000.

The most common note, 1000 pesos, is enough to buy a tea bag. Enough notes to buy a television set weighs 68 pounds. The notes required to buy a box of aspirins today would have bought a new Toyota three years ago. Housewives take their maids to the grocery to carry the money which weighs more than the groceries they take home.

In November 1923, Germany had notes as high as 100,000 and 100,000,000 (100 trillion) marks. In 1946 Hungary had notes valued at 100,000 billion pengo.

A collection of different inflation notes from different countries is interesting, historical and cheap. Many notes can be bought for a dollar or less, even in uncirculated condition.

The **Bank Note Reporter** is a monthly newspaper, published in Iola, Wisc. It contains news articles, pictures, price guides, show calendar and many ads on all types of paper money.

The average coin show will only have one or two paper money specialists. Most coin dealers will not deal in paper. To buy notes for a collection, mail order is mandatory. However, there is one yearly show that has nothing but paper money. This year it was in Memphis, Tenn.

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GREETINGS

The Honorable Mayor of El Paso, Jonathon Rogers, right, participated in welcoming members and guests to the Texas Numismatic Association convention hosted by International Coin Club of El Paso. TNA President Lyman C. Bartee received greetings and mementos from Mayor Rogers. Richard Worthington, International club president and convention chairman, also was on hand for the opening ceremonies.

Regrettably, **TNA NEWS** was unable to obtain but few convention photos for several unfortunate reasons. The editor apologizes.

Mac Kennady, left, new TNA president; Eleanor Kennady, TNA secretary; Lyman C. Bartee, retiring president.

Lloyd C. Colvin was honored with a TNA past president's plaque but was unable to attend the convention. Nela Runkle made the presentation in Amarillo.

D. O. Joplin shows everyone the attractive TNA convention program, while Marvin Haines of El Paso admires the 1985 TNA medal set.

Chet Krause joins TNA Hall of Fame.

Karla Galindo, right, receives Lewis Reagan Memorial award. Miriam Gilmore made presentation in San Antonio as Karla was unable to be in El Paso.

Chris Johns, new to the TNA Hall of Fame, displays the beautiful plaque with her name added.

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The TNA Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial traveling exhibit of Texas money will be on display during the month of May 1986 in Levelland, according to D.O. Joplin.

The exhibit will be set up in the Texas American Bank in conjunction with Hockley County's celebration when the Sesquicentennial wagon train rolls through the area.

"I asked to have the exhibit in town at the same time the wagon train comes through," said Joplin, "so it will be set up for the entire month." Joplin explained to Stephen Henry, owner and publisher of Levelland-Hockley Co. News-Press, that the exhibit includes all types of coins and related collectibles which were a part of the 150 year history of the state of Texas.

So that brings to mind once again - we need donations of coins, paper money, tokens, medals and related items for this exhibit. Please send to the **TNA NEWS** editor, address above, or to Al Loja, 2022 Ottawa Lane, Houston 77043.

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J.P. Jones of Waco assembled a display of Texas money for the Waco Public Library, main branch, to be on exhibit during the month of June. J.P., working under the title of "Monies of Texas," included coins of France, Spain, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederate States of America and the United States denoting the six countries ruling the Texas territory, hence "Six Flags Over Texas."

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Have you sent in your club's history to Karla Galindo or Joe B. Davis? They are compiling a numismatic history of Texas and they need that information about your club, that is if you want it included. Give when and where the club was organized, first officers, projects completed over the years, future plans - anything you can think of. But it's important you get that information to them as quickly as you can.

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Have you given a program on the theme of Texas money or the Sesquicentennial? If so, please let us know -we need that information. If you haven't, why not put a program and or exhibit together for your club or some civic organization. But when you do, be sure you let the editor know.

from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall
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We found the show in San Antonio (May 4-5) to be very relaxing from the over-drive pace of Houston. There were dealers for every collector but collectors seemed to be enjoying the Cinco de Mayo festivities. Some dealers said they had a good show while others said it was not their best.

TNA was well represented as the president, Mac Kennady, and at least four governors, Frank Galindo, Paul Garner, Chris Johns and Dick Dollen, were present. TNA appointed officers Karla Galindo, ANA representative, and Miriam Gilmore, **TNA NEWS** editor, were also in attendance.

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Only two months until the annual pilgrimage to ANA. This year it will be in Baltimore, first time in many years. I have missed only the 1968 ANA in San Diego since the 1965 Houston convention. ANA, as TNA, is suffering from a lack of exhibits. We will have a new chief judge this year as many of you know, the former chief judge, Tommy Ackers, is now a resident of Dallas and is in a full-time coin dealer business. I received my packet of judges' material and it seems that ANA is in dire need of qualified judges. Sounds like a refrain from TNA but it is true.

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In view of the recent robberies and senseless killings of coin dealers in Texas and other states, there has been offered one solution for guarding against such acts of violence. Most of us know of the cash awards given by Crime Stoppers. The suggestion has been made that TNA and interested dealers pool some monies in a move similar to this other program. Interested persons coupled with clubs and organizations can build up a fund which can be a deterrant to these acts. If any reader or any club is interested in this program, some member of the TNA board should be contacted and then if there is enough momentum to affect this program, TNA can carry the ball.

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By the time this is in print, we will have returned from our vacation in Guatemala. Guatemala is one of, if not the only, foreign country which has a TNA member.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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WELCOME to new members A-4707-4765. If no written objections are received by August 1, 1985, their membership will become effective on that date.

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			11,943.00
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* Encumbered Funds		95.93	*

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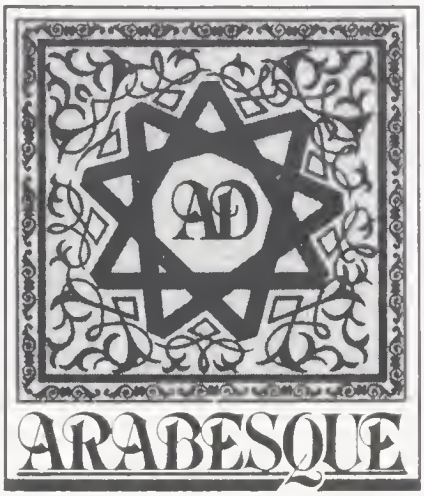

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JULY 12-14

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JULY 19-21

ALABAMA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, INC., 25th annual convention, Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham, Ala. **CONTACT:** Purnie Moore, Box 3601-W.E., Birmingham, Ala. 35211.

AUGUST 3-4

SHREVEPORT COIN CLUB, annual ARK-LA-TEX Coin Exposition, Convention Hall. **WRITE:** James Bruce, Box 492, Shreveport, La. 71162.

AUGUST 3-4

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual show. Community Center, 7000 S. Rice. **WRITE:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

AUGUST 10-11

FT. WORTH SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

SEPTEMBER 6-8

DALLAS COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, 4099 Valley View Lane. **WRITE:** C.C. Andrews, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

SEPTEMBER 6-8

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BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, annual show, Beaumont Hilton, 2355

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AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, annual show, Will Rogers Exhibit Hall, West Lancaster & 1 Amon Carter Square. **WRITE:** Ken Jones, Box 7733, Ft. Worth 76111.

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SPACE CITY COIN SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Belt East. **BOURSE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

OCTOBER 26-27

LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, Municipal Auditorium. **WRITE:** Club, Box 52334, Lafayette, La. 70505.

NOVEMBER 2-3

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, annual Collectors' Show, La Quinta Royale. **BOURSE:** W.F. (Bill) Bailey, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

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UMSTOT

Late word has been received by the Texas Numismatic Association of the death of R.W. "Dick" Umstot on December 18, 1984. Mr. Umstot lived in Odessa and was active in area coin clubs.

Services were held December 20. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Mr. Umstot was a retired painter and paper hanger and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

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A few silver and bronze medal sets struck for the 1985 Texas Numismatic Association convention in El Paso are still available, according to Howard Luke, medals officer. The medal features a mule-drawn street car used as transportation across the border from El Paso to Juarez, Mexico. Each set is serially numbered and would afford a member the opportunity to reserve that same number for future sets. Sets, in an attractive holder, are priced at $30 plus $2 postage and handling. Place orders with Luke, 2120 David Dr., Ft. Worth 76111.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT III —

Richard Dollen, newly elected TNA District 3 governor, reported on the TNA convention held in El Paso at the **Abilene Coin Club** meeting. Plans were discussed for a fall or early winter coin show.

A $10 gift certificate from Pratt's Coin Shop will be given at each club meeting for the coming year. Buster Caudle won the first certificate.

Sixteen members and one guest participated in the coin auction.

District 3 clubs are urged to contact Dollen at 915/672-6991 for assistance and to schedule talks at meetings. - **Richard Dollen, Gov. Dist. 3.**

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DISTRICT IV —

Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

First in a series on grading U.S. coins was presented by Robert Schuetze for **Waco Coin Club** members which was mainly an introduction to the various grading manuals, past and present. Three ANACS graded coins were on display and the 15 members and guests were asked to grade them. The next presentation will be given by Dalton Adams on MS60-70 coins.

The annual club picnic is tentatively set for July 22 at one of the Lake Waco parks. An auction concluded the meeting. - **J.P. Jones, Program Chrmn.**

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DISTRICT V —

Paul Garner
Governor

Carlton Brush gave a program on paper money at the **Garland Coin Club** meeting and showed an uncut half sheet of $1.00 notes. He also discussed how paper money is printed as well as possible changes.

Scott Murray and Jay Reddien joined the club as new members and Buck Gary won the door prize. Barney Welch conducted the 41-lot auction. - **Timothy N. Lee, Sec.**

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The **Paris Coin Club** is sponsoring a coin show July 27-28 at Paris Junior College ballroom, 2500 Clarksville St.

James White is club president; Ray Spencer, vice president; and Bobbie Jones, secretary. For more information on the show, write White, 225-12th S.E., Paris 75460 or phone 214 385-1646.

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Frank Clark discussed "Denton Texas Currency" at the **Dallas Coin Club** meeting and told about Denton's early banking history. He showed slides of store scrip, bank buildings and large and small size national bank notes.

Conducting the auction was Barney Welch, club president, and Eddie Boone won the door prize. Ben Hong received an educational award for a program he gave in April. - **Ron Blaha, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI —

Chris Johns, newly elected TNA District 6 governor, reported on the TNA convention in El Paso and also on the coin show held in San Antonio at the meeting of **Bellaire Coin Club**. Twenty four attended.

The grading series begun during the last club year will be resumed with the club president, Ray Shotwell, starting on the dimes series. Tom Windsheimer will follow up with a program on quarters.

It was announced that member Fred Baker would undergo surgery and the prayers and best wishes of the club were with him. Lex Williams won the door prize drawing and Charles Miller won the members' only prize of $10. John Zanders conducted the 26-lot auction.

Members were preparing to host the annual coin show on August 3 and 4 at Bellaire Community Center. - **Chris Johns, Gov. Dist. 6.**

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Reports on the TNA convention in El Paso was given by Chris Johns, recently elected District 6 governor, during the meeting of **Pasadena Coin Club** which met at Ramada Inn (Hobby East) Restaurant. Bill Chase gave a progress report on the upcoming coin show and also conducted a 74-lot auction which saw the first 1985 proof set offered at a club auction bring $14.00

Charlie Suggs will serve a fourth term as the club's ANA representa

tive. Door prize winners were Joe Blanco, Bill Pecelunas, Doug Stiles, Haynes Farris and Howard Jackson. - **Chris Johns, Recording Sec.**

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Ernie Morrow and Ray Aldrete were to present programs at the May meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** meeting, followed by an auction.

Applying for club membership were Paul J. Meyer, Carl and Lucy Fogarty, Mike Musachia and Ina and Mike Levinson. Voted on was a change in door prize procedures: Any member who wins a door prize will give a five minute talk at the next month's meeting about the coin he or she won, or about any coin of their choice. Door prizes will only be awarded upon completion of the talk. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

R.E. (Bob) Medlar, ANA governor, was speaker at the May 16 meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. Bob provided an analysis of the ANA MIDWINTER convention in San Antonio, discussed his duties as an ANA governor and commented about member services.

Special guest at the meeting was Clyde Hubbard of Cuernavaca, Mexico who was on his way to Canada for a visit.

The club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1987 at the same time Gateway will be hosting the TNA convention. Frank Galindo and Miriam Gilmore were named as a steering committee in planning a birthday celebration at that time.

Mac Kennady of Austin, TNA president, was scheduled to give a talk at the June 6 meeting and on June 20, an auction would take place. - **Club Bulletin.**

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New officers were installed May 9 to serve **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. The installation service, conducted by Frank Galindo, TNA District 7 governor, was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Serving are Richard Pinette, president; Harold Eiserloh, 1st vice president; David Ludwig, 2nd vice president; Edward Ledwig, secretary; Delmar Cooke, treasurer. The executive board consists of Laurine Myers, Lee Grossman and Woodrow Wilson.

Planned for May 23 was a program on the currency of the 13 American colonies. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Bill Bailey was elected president of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** at the May 21 dinner meeting at Texas Corral Steak House. Others serving are David Burke, 1st vice president; Floyd Bieniek, 2nd vice president; Martha Burke, secretary; Ouida Davis, treasurer; and Betty Crisp, assistant to treasurer.

Joe B. Davis, retiring president, was presented a diamond studded past president's medal. Two new members joined: Mrs. Jimmie (Inez) Bowman and Dee Brunson.

November 2-3 are the dates set by the club for the annual show. The event will be held at La Quinta Royale and for more information, write Bill Bailey, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404. - **Martha Burke, Sec.**

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DISTRICT IX —

A discussion was held by members of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield on hosting a one day show in the future, but decided against it due to low attendance and prohibitive costs. Also under discussion was the traveling TNA Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial numismatic exhibit being prepared as to possible locations to display it in the area.

Nine members enjoyed refreshments and E.L. Pitzer won the door prize. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9**

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Fourteen attended the May meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. E.L. Pitzer, newly elected District 9 governor, gave a report on the TNA convention and presented the club with the 3rd place Club Salute award which was won by them. D.O. Joplin displayed his 1st place award he won in the medals category. It was pointed out how many awards TNA provides during the year.

Jim Hall gave a program on Texas commemoratives and he also conducted the auction. - **E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Nela Runkle
Governor

Members of **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo met in May and planned a fall coin show for September 14-15 at Quality Inn, 140 East. Named bourse chairman was Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo 76106, (806) 372-8786.

Nela Runkle, TNA District 11 governor, reported on the TNA convention in El Paso. She presented the past president's plaque to Lloyd Colvin, who was unable to attend the convention.

Entertainment for the evening included a program by Homer Dotts who talked on "Federal Reserve Notes" and provided information about collecting paper money. Door prize winners were: R.C. Tipton, jun

tor; Ed Bodin, Homer Dotts, R.L. Tompkins, Dan Orick and Ted Johannsen. Tompkins gave the coin market report.

It was voted to donate $25 to the TNA Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial committee. - **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT XII —

T. J. Bennington
Governor

Lufkin Coin Club members met in May at Texas Power & Light Community Room for auction night which offered a variety of numismatic items. Included were souvenir cards, Stone Mountain half dollar (MS-63+), type coins and $4 face value in clad half dollars found in circulatin the previous week.

Two guests and one new member were among the 17 attending the meeting. It was reported that R.L. Cunningham, longtime member was hospitalized. - **Jay Jackson, Recording Sec.**

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A discussion on the effect World War II had on numismatics was the main topic for the May meeting of **Fredonia Coin Club** of Nacogdoches. Examples were shown of ration tokens, guerilla currencies, coins with design and alloy changes, military currency and other items. Speakers were Dr. Wm. Gibson, club president, and Jay S. Jackson, recording secretary.

The talk was based on an exhibit at Steen Library, Stephen F. Austin State University which was in conjunction with a symposium at SFA entitled "Operation 40 Years After." The symposium lasted one week and emphasized the effect of World War II on the current state of world affairs as well as our current lifestyle.

An auction was held and door prizes were given. - **Jay Jackson, Recording Sec.**

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DISTRICT XIV —

Ada Lee Chisum
Governor

Members of **Hidalgo Coin Club** of Rio Grande Valley were saddened by the death of the club's longtime secretary, Virginia Armstrong, who passed away May 5 after a short illness.

The May meeting was held at People's Church meeting room in San Juan with 23 in attendance. The club has been planning to issue a medal in observance of the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial and the club's 25th anniversary. Donald Frymire will make a project report at the next meeting.

Norma Mather reported on the TNA convention and displayed her exhibit. Frances Cross also attended and will display hers at the June meeting.

The club meets the first Wednes-

day of each month and visitors are welcome. - **Ada Lee Chisum, Gov. Dist. 14.**

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DISTRICT XV —

A general discussion was held concerning the **Greater Orange Coin Club** show at the regular meeting. The show was set for June 29-30 at the KC Hall.

Jerry Williams, now the TNA treasurer, reported on the TNA convention held in El Paso. It was announced that D.L. Scott had been appointed TNA district governor for District 15.

The auction was conducted by Bill Stein and six door prizes were given among the 17 present. One new member, Wendell Mires, joined the club. Robert Cates was to be in charge of the program for the June meeting. - **Becky Scott, Sec.**

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Members of **Beaumont Coin Club** voted to order 1,000 wooden nickels with the club name and meeting information to be distributed at the September coin show and other events.

Bill Stein presented a program on "1960 Small Date Cents." He said this coin caused quite a boom in the coin market beginning in April and May of 1960 when it was discovered but there was some skepticism as to whether the '60 Small Date even existed. The Mint director was quoted as saying there was no such coin. - **Club Bulletin.**

THE COL. DARRAH AWARD

Next year TNA will meet in Ft. Worth and we'll see who wins the Col. Raymond Darrah award. This award was won by the Austin Coin Club once and the Stephenville Coin Club twice. Who will win it next year?? The 1986 plaque will be a little something special; after all, the Colonel would have wanted it that way since it will be the 150th birthday for Texas.

How do we try for this award? It's simple: Just send in a list of all club members in good standing and denote by each name as to their TNA status (Life, Regular, Junior, Associate or Non-Member). Mail this list to the TNA secretary who will verify the status of the TNA members. The club with the highest percentage of TNA members will take home the trophy. In the event of a tie, the club having the highest percentage of junior members will be declared the winner.

Anyone wishing a copy of the rules controlling the Col. Darrah award, write: Morris L. Johnson, 1993 Frey, Stephenville 76401 or call 1-817 968-7341.

My next article will be on the Club Salute award. - **Morris L. Johnson, TNA District 1 governor.**

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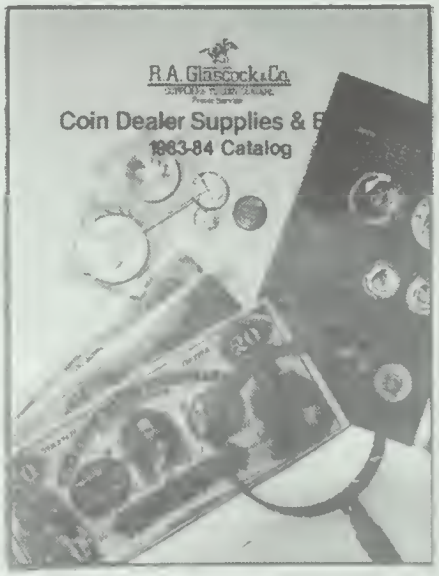

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